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ART INSIGHTS: JULIE ROGERS' PAINTINGS INSPIRED BY LIFE IN RURAL UTAH

(Southern Utah University, Cedar City, Utah) The SUU Department of Art and Design's weekly *Art Insights* program will feature Julie Rogers, an award-winning local painter of watercolor and pastel pioneer art, on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. in Section K of the Centrum Arena on the SUU campus. As a professional artist, Rogers loves to paint the simple things in everyday life, such as recreating the lives and emotions of people. Rogers' paintings are inspired by rural Utah, where she grew up working on her family's cattle ranch, handling livestock and cutting and baling hay.

Rogers' works have won numerous awards and have been included in regional and international exhibits. She was recently awarded *Best of Show* at the National Women's Art Show in Texas, First and Second Places at the ASCA International Art Show and First Place at the 2003 Dixie International Purchaser Awards. Rogers is a Utah native and graduated from Brigham Young University. She currently teaches part-time at Dixie College, in addition to painting professionally.

Art Insights is a weekly program hosted during the fall and spring semesters by SUU's Art and Design faculty. Students and community members meet weekly to attend gallery openings and experience presentations and discussions by visiting artists and art educators from around the nation who share their work and insights. Admission is free, and the general public is invited to attend.

For more information on the SUU College of Performing and Visual Arts events, please call the Arts Hotline at (435) 865-8800, or visit www.suu.edu/arts.

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Southern Utah University College of Performing and Visual Arts is comprised of nationally accredited departments of Art and Design, Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, as well as a graduate program in Arts Administration. The College offers 16 different degree areas, including liberal arts Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees; professional Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Fine Arts in art and theatre degrees; and a Master of Fine Arts in Arts Administration degree.

More than 60 full- and part-time faculty and staff are engaged in teaching and mentoring over 550 majors in the College. Over 1100 students enroll each year in over 195 arts classes on the SUU campus. The College presents 100 performances, lectures, presentations, and exhibitions each year.

The College's affiliate organizations include the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery, American Folk Ballet, Utah Shakespearean Festival, the performance group Acclamation, and the SUU Ballroom Dance Company. For more information about the college of about the College of Performing and Visual Arts, contact the Office of the Dean (435) 865-8561, or by e-mail at cpvamktg@suu.edu.

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